GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN RURAL AREAS OF UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone connections in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh were provided by the Government under the LDPT Scheme;

(b) if so, the number of such telephones provided in each district during the last three years;

(c) whether these telephones are working properly;

(d) if not, the number of such telephone lying out of order, district-wise;

(e) whether the Government have taken any steps for rectifying them;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) if not, the reasons therefor;
(h) whether the Government propose to replace the said scheme by an alternative scheme; and
(i) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MININSTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The telephones in rural areas have been provided under the Village Public Telephones (VPTs) Scheme which has replaced the erstwhile LDPT scheme.

(b) 36,589 villages have been provided with telephone facilities in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years. District-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(c) Yes Sir. Most of these VPTs are working satisfactorily.

(d) 12,950 VPTs were faulty as on 30/11/2000. District-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(e) & (f): Yes Sir. Several steps have been taken for rectifying the faulty VPTs which are as under:

(i) Testing of all VPTs is being done on daily basis from the exchanges and immediate attention is given to the telephones found faulty on testing;

(ii) Meter readings are being checked fortnightly and low meter reading is taken as an indication of poor performance and immediate remedial action is initiated.

(iii) Flying squads have been constituted at Circle level for immediate rectification of faulty VPTs.

(iv) Repair centres are opened in each Circle for rectification of faulty systems.

(v) AMCs are being entered with the suppliers of the equipment.

(g) Question does not arise in view of reply to (f) above.

(h) The LDPT scheme has already been replaced by the VPT scheme.

(i) Under the VPT scheme, the Government plans to provide telecom facilities to all the revenue villages of the country by March, 2002.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	District/Secondary Switching Area	VPTs provided During the last three years	Faulty VPTs on 30/11/2000

1	Allahabad	1204	460
2	Azamgarh	1459	460
3	Bahraich	718	215
4	Ballia	813	232
5	Banda	547	205
6	Barabanki	596	237
7	Basti	1038	337
8	Etawah	500	174
9	Faizabad	1102	308
10	Farrukhabad	511	220
11	Fatehpur	237	144
12	Ghazipur	780	179
13	Gonda	867	248
14	Gorakhpur	1216	295
15	Hamirpur	452	175
16	Hardoi	710	167
17	Jaunpur	784	222
18	Jhansi	603	267
19	Kanpur	811	232
20	Lakhimpur	997	328
21	Lucknow	126	102
22	Mainpuri	469	163
23	Mau / Deoria	1251	394
24	Mirzapur	1056	354
25	Orai	495	190
26	Pratapgarh	966	225
27	Raebareli	702	181
28	Shahjahanpur	830	215
29	Sitapur	881	265
30	Sultanpur	936	302
31	Unnao	658	218
32	Varanasi	755	208
33	Agra	163	52
34	Firozabad	81	284
35	Aligarh	791	55
36	Hathras	395	15
37	Almora	388	442
38	Pithoragarh	145	476
39	Bageshwar	132	137
40	Champawat	301	137
41	Badaun	1020	425
42	Bijnore	1419	290
43	Bareilly	604	458
44	Dehradun	239	27
45	Etah	229	219
46	Ghaziabad	109	17
47	G.B. Nagar	213	28
48	Bulundshahar	280	25
49	Meerut	4	82
50	Baghpat	17	27
51	Mathura	363	153
52	Moradabad	596	154
53	J.P. Nagar	343	121
54	Muzaffarnagar	972	8
55	Nainital	212	50
56	UdhamSingh Nagar	419	76
57	New Tehri	310	20
58	Uttarkashi	115	41
59	Rampur	540	63
60	Saharanpur	160	571
61	Haridwar	111	
62	Pilibhit	389	230
63	Pauri	235	214
64	Rudraprayag	47	32
65	Chamoli	177	99

TOTAL	36589	12950